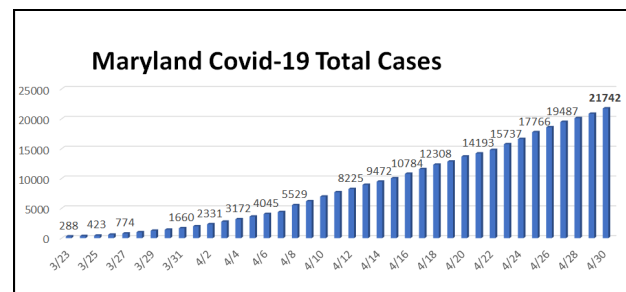
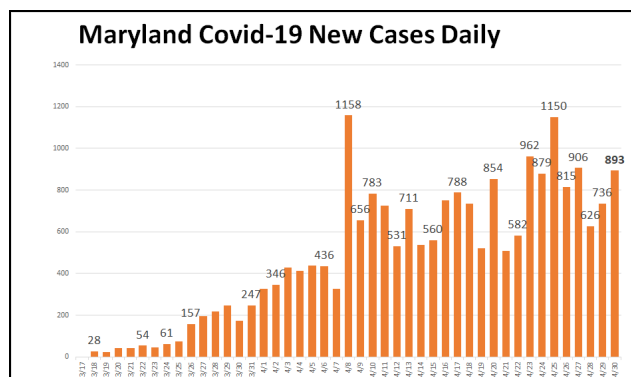
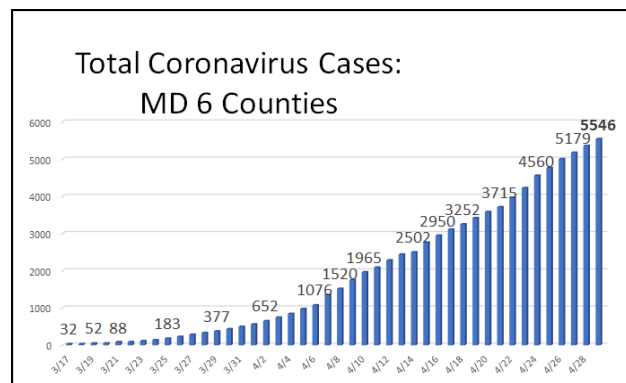
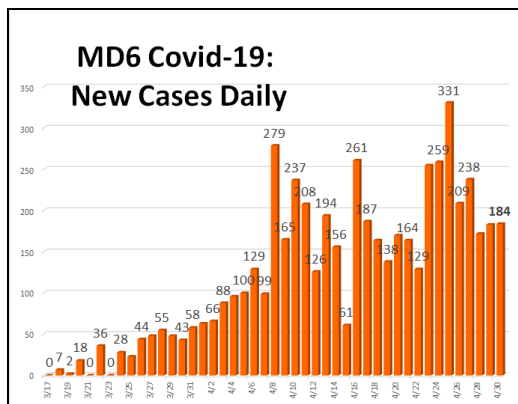
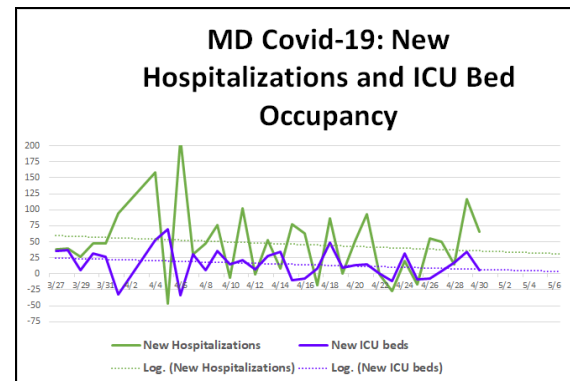
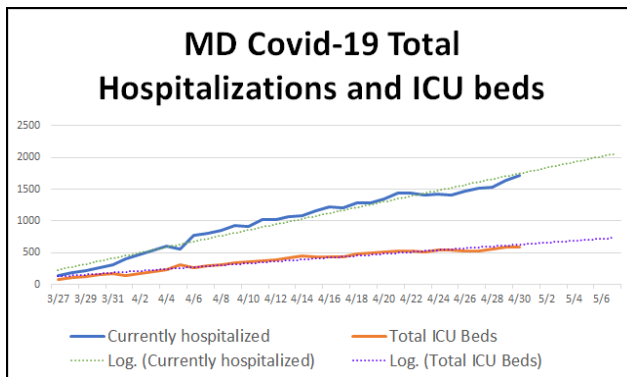


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Daily Coronavirus Update: April 30, 5PM Congressman David Trone (MD6)

With increased testing capacity coming online and likely to yield increasing numbers of confirmed coronavirus cases, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan is tracking **hospitalizations** and **ICU bed occupancy** as indicators for when to initiate plans to reopen the state.



MD6 today: MoCo (4300), Fred.(918), Wash.(206), Allegany (118), Garrett (4). MD reports 1047 total deaths. Source: [MD Dept. of Health](https://www.maryland.gov/health/).

As of 4:30 PM today, the United States had recorded 1,056466 total confirmed cases and 61,881 deaths due to Coronavirus ([JHU](https://www.jhu.edu/)).

Federal Updates

- [The Labor Department](#) announced today that 3.8 million workers applied for unemployment benefits last week, bringing the six-week total to over 30 million claims filed (about 1 in 5 workers) since the coronavirus pandemic took hold. [NPR](#) reported results of an [NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist poll](#) in which half of those surveyed had either lost a job or had hours reduced because of the pandemic and aggressive public health measures to contain it.
- Speaking on [The Today Show](#), Dr. Anthony S. Fauci confirmed that the federal government is working to expedite delivery of a coronavirus vaccine. "We want to go quickly, but we want to make sure it's safe and it's effective," said the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). He added, "I think that is doable if things fall in the right place....Remember...I was saying in January and February that it would be a year to 18 months (to develop a vaccine), so January is a year, so it isn't that much from what I had originally said." **The Today Show** also reported that Scientists at England's Oxford University said Wednesday that the vaccine they are developing could potentially be ready by September.
- Derek Jeter, Ted Simmons, Larry Walker, and Marvin Miller will have to wait until next year to be inducted into [The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum](#), as its board of directors announced today that it would cancel the 2020 ceremony due to health and safety concerns associated with the coronavirus pandemic. Jeter, *et.al.* will be honored in Cooperstown, NY along with the class of 2021 next July.

Maryland Updates

- The Navy's Blue Angels and Air Force's Thunderbirds have scheduled flyovers to honor first responders and health care workers this Saturday, May 2, in celebration of [Healthcare Heroes Day](#) announced yesterday by Gov. Hogan. As reported in [The Baltimore Sun](#), flyovers in Baltimore will start at 11:30 a.m. and last about 15 minutes. Flyovers in Washington and surrounding communities will start at 11:45 a.m. and last about 20 minutes before the 12 aircraft move onto Atlanta. Residents along the flight path can expect a few moments of jet noise. The flyovers fulfill training requirements, and do not incur any additional costs to taxpayers, according to a joint statement from the Air Force and Navy shared by the governor's office. Residents are urged to respect personal regulations and watch from their homes. The State House, Camden Yards and M&T Bank Stadium will be lit up in blue.

District Updates

- Montgomery County
 - a. The Maryland Department of Health reports 4,300 cases of COVID-19 in Montgomery County as of Thursday morning, which is an increase of 148 cases from 4,152 reported Wednesday. The health department reports that 229 county residents have died from COVID-19.. This is an increase of 11 deaths since Wednesday. The number of probable deaths is 26. There are 1,099 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in residents and staff of senior living facilities and 149 deaths in the county.
 - b. Health officials confirm that beds have nearly reached capacity at most hospitals in Montgomery County. First responders are working hard to keep up with a rising number of COVID-19 cases. Neighboring jurisdictions have stepped up to provide more hospital beds. Meanwhile, refrigerated trucks have started to appear at local hospitals and health officials say they will be acting as mobile morgues just in case of a possible surge.
 - c. Montgomery County had 5,615 unemployment insurance claims last week, ending on April 25. This was about a 19 percent decrease from the week before ending on April 18, when Montgomery County had 6,938. Maryland overall saw 37,225 claims last week, a decrease of about 22 percent from the week before, which saw 47,545 claims, according to the Maryland Department of Labor.
- Frederick County

- a. There are 11 long-term care facilities in Frederick County reporting cases of COVID-19, including some with multiple deaths from the disease. Between the 11 facilities, there are at least 311 cases and 43 deaths among staff and residents. However, not all of these cases are counted toward Frederick County's totals because not all staff members are residents of the county. All nursing homes across the state will now begin universal testing of residents and staff for COVID-19 as part of Gov. Larry Hogan's most recent mandate concerning long-term care facilities announced Wednesday.
- Washington County
 - a. DVF Automation and Manufacturing near Hagerstown has been awarded a state grant to produce personal protective equipment. Gov. Larry Hogan announced in a news release Tuesday that \$1.6 million in grants have been awarded to 20 Maryland companies for pivoting to or expanding production of PPE supplies for front-line workers during the COVID-19 crisis. This includes \$30,000 for DVF, for the manufacturing of 156,000 plastic parts for respirators.
- Allegany County
 - a. No new updates
- Garrett County
 - a. Garrett County leaders met with local realtors this week to discuss plans for the reopening of local rental units when the time comes. "We had a good meeting, discussing various options to open back up as quickly as we can in a safe way," said Garrett County Health Officer Bob Stephens. "We will follow Governor Hogan's guidance to determine the time to implement his 'Roadmap to Recovery' plan. Our local vacation rental agencies have been very responsive. They have done a great deal of work to be prepared for when the Governor will relax travel restrictions. It is our mutual desire to assure the health of our community."
 - b. Deep Creek Food Taxi is now available for personal shopping and deliveries throughout Garrett County. Owner Jennifer Cuzzo also owns a transportation company that services the Baltimore/D.C. Metro area and Deep Creek Lake. "We have been without work for about five weeks now," she said. "The food delivery service has been something I have thought about for years, but have never had the time to execute. Now I have had the time to dedicate to starting Deep Creek Food Taxi, and the community has the need for it more than ever."